

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Jiewen LUO et al.)	Examiner:	Esther BENOIT
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For:	"METHOD OF CLUSTER MANAGEMENT OF NETWORK DEVICES AND APPARATUS THEREOF")	Date:	November 18, 2008
)	Re:	<i>Final Office Action</i>
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Commissioner for Patents

Sir:

In reply to the final Office Action mailed on January 21, 2009, an initial response to which is due no later than April 21, 2009, Applicants submit this amendment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.114 together with a Request for Continued Examination. The RCE fee set forth in 37. C.F.R. 1.17(e) has been paid concurrently with this electronic submission. Because this paper is filed in response to a Final Office Action, Applicants submit that this paper is a reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 and request expedited processing of this Response after Final Rejection as described in MPEP 714.13. Please amend the above-identified application as described below and consider the following remarks. **All amendments and remarks herein are made without prejudice.**

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.